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**July 20, 2018**

**The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board will not meet in August.**

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**Farm Tour and Harvest Sale**  
**Saturday, July 28 (19 farms open)**  
**Sunday, July 29 (13 farms open)**

***Please check each farm for their hours of operation.***

Several farms have hayrides, pony rides, music, demonstrations and other fun activities planned. Purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants and more. Spend a day or two in the country petting farm animals or having lunch by a scenic pond. It's an educational experience and a great family day outing. Visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/farmtour](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/farmtour) for map of locations and a downloadable brochure.

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### **Maryland Department of Transportation's Major Planned Weekend Land Closure Updates**

***Effective 7/20/18 – 7/23/18***

For details, visit <http://www.roads.maryland.gov/pages/release.aspx?newsId=3208>

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### **Metro Advisory**

***Effective 7/21/18 – 9/3/18***

**Red Line: Two stations closed July 21 - September 3 for major capital project**

For details, visit <https://www.wmata.com/service/status/2018-Rhode-Island-Brookland-Shutdown.cfm>

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**\*\*\* Cancelled \*\*\***

**MD 355 North BRT Corridor Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, July 23 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

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**Off-Season Free Tax Preparation Services**

Community Action's VITA Program offers free tax preparation services now through October for the prior year and amended returns (2015-2017). Appointments are available in Rockville and Silver Spring for County residents earning \$54,000 or less. Please [visit the website](#) or call 240-777-1123.

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**County Officials and Community Partners Remember Homeless Individuals; Launch Effort to Address Family Homelessness**

County officials, and non-profit partners and faith leaders came together this week to memorialize homeless individuals who have died in the past year. Following the memorial service, County officials launched a community-wide effort to end homelessness for families with children by 2020. The @HomeTogether plan is spearheaded by the Interagency Commission on Ending Homelessness (ICH). In the past 12 months, Montgomery County has served more than 600 families in the homeless system. This includes more than 1,800 children. The strategies of @HomeTogether include new and enhanced programs to better engage families early, when they first are at risk of homelessness and better targeted resources to provide rental assistance to families who are at risk of losing their housing. For families who enter the emergency family shelter, there will be more integration between agencies to reduce the amount of time that families spend in the shelter placement.

In 2017, the ICH launched Inside (Not Outside), an initiative aimed at ending chronic homelessness in Montgomery County. Read more at [https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22294](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22294).

A website developed last year, [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/homelessness](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/homelessness), includes information about services for the homeless and data and progress made.

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**Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and Safeway want you to “Lighten Your Load”**

This summer, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Safeway stores are partnering to help save shoppers energy and money on their lighting with “Lighten Your Load” events. On select days at Safeway locations, bring old incandescent and/or compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and receive up to three free LED light bulbs and a new, reusable shopping bag. These “Lighten Your Load” events are a way to save on electric bills and ensure that plastics and dangerous substances, like mercury, do not enter the waste stream.

You can swap your old incandescent and/or CFL bulbs for energy-efficient LEDs on Mondays this summer from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the following Safeway locations. Look for DEP staff in front of each store:

- **July 16:** [Silver Spring Safeway](#) at 909 Thayer, Silver Spring, 20910
- **July 23:** [Germantown Safeway](#) at 19718 Germantown Road, Germantown, 20874
- **July 30:** [Rockville Safeway](#) at 5510 Norbeck Road, Rockville, 20853
- **August 6:** [Wheaton Safeway](#) at 11201 Georgia Ave, Wheaton, 20902
- **August 13:** [Damascus Safeway](#) at 9807 Main Street, Damascus, 20872
- **August 20:** [Olney Safeway](#) at 3333 Spartan Road, Olney, 20832

Participants can bring as many bulbs as they have available, but during the swap, each family is limited to receiving three free LEDs. All bulbs collected during the swap will be properly recycled or disposed.

Questions? Contact Larissa Johnson 240-777-7711 or [larissa.johnson@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:larissa.johnson@montgomerycountymd.gov)

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**Free Dementia Education Classes**  
**Germantown Community Recreation Center**  
**18905 Kingsview Drive, Germantown**

**Tuesday, July 24 4:30pm - 6:00pm**

*Effective Communication Strategies for People with Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias and Their Caregivers*

**Tuesday, August 28 4:30pm - 6:00pm**

*Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors*

Taught by Programs and Services Manager, Tara Davis-Rama, Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter

**Registration is required. Call Tara Davis-Rama at 240-428-1342**

For more information and to inquire about supervised caregiving for your loved one during the program, please contact, Karen Miller, CTRS, Jewish Council for the Aging, Thome Kensington Club: 202.735.3464 or by email:

[karen.miller@accessjca.org](mailto:karen.miller@accessjca.org)

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**County Cable Montgomery Wins National Award**

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22289](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22289)

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**MCDOT Looks to "NextGen TDM" Proposals to Support Multi-Modal Options**

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) wants to hear from you about the proposed changes to requirements in the County Code and accompanying Executive Regulations for implementation of multi-modal programs in new development projects and for employers of certain sizes.

MCDOT has worked with other County agencies, County Council staff and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to draft revisions to Chapter 42A, Article II, "Transportation Demand Management" of the County Code. These existing Transportation Demand Management (TDM) provisions establish the authority for Transportation Management Districts (TMDs) and describe actions required of new developments and employers in those districts to help reduce traffic impacts and promote multi-modal options.

The proposed changes will be included in a bill to revise Code provisions planned for introduction at County Council, along with draft Executive Regulations. Proposed revisions and related materials are posted on MCDOT's Commuter Services webpage at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/commute](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/commute). Feedback forms will be available for those attending the open house. Comments can also be emailed to [mcdot.commuterservices@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.commuterservices@montgomerycountymd.gov). Additional opportunities for input will be provided at a public hearing on the bill to be scheduled in the fall and through the Executive Regulation process.

For more information and copies of the materials go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/commute](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/commute).

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## Community Action Board Accepting Applications for Free Advocacy Training Program

The County's Community Action Board is now accepting applications for its Community Advocacy Institute. The Community Advocacy Institute is a free program that will teach residents basic advocacy skills and it provides hands-on opportunities to advocate for important issues in the community. Since its 2016 inception, 34 residents have participated in the program.

The eight-month program includes hands-on workshops focused on best practices for engaging elected officials using strategies such as storytelling, research, letter-writing and public testimony. The workshops are led by Community Action Board members and feature elected officials, local advocates and issue experts. Participants will have the opportunity to develop their own testimony and complete an advocacy project. To qualify for the program, participants must be Montgomery County residents with household incomes of \$54,000 or less. Additional information about the program and a link to the registration page may be found online at [montgomerycountymd.gov/communityaction](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/communityaction).

The Community Action Board is Montgomery County's federally designated anti-poverty group. The board serves in an advisory role to the County Executive and the County Council, and as an advocate for residents with low income. The board provides governance to the County's Department of Health and Human Services' Community Action Agency programs, including Head Start.

For more information or to request special accommodations, please call the Community Action Agency at 240-777-1697. TTY users, please call Maryland Relay at 711.

***Applications are due by Friday, August 24.***

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## Montgomery County Named as Efficiency, Collaboration, and Disaster-Response Initiatives Leader

The 2018 Digital Counties Survey conducted by the [Center for Digital Government](#) and the [National Association of Counties](#) declared Montgomery County as one of five first-place winners in their respective category. Montgomery County won for the "One Million or More Population" category. The County is the first, and only, the four-time winner of this annual competition and is the only County to be ranked in the top 10 since the survey's inception in 2003. This is the third time under the County Executive Leggett administration that Montgomery County has been ranked #1. See release for [more info](#).

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## Montgomery County Recognized for Excellence in Performance Management

The International City/County Management Association ([ICMA](#)) has recognized Montgomery County Government for its data-driven management and reporting efforts with a Certificate of Excellence in Performance Management for the sixth consecutive year. ICMA issues certificates to organizations who track and report key outcomes; survey residents and local government employees; incorporate data into performance dashboards or other visual communications and foster the development of a performance culture throughout their organizations. See [press release](#) for more information.

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## Two Pay by Phone Payment Options Now Available at All County Parking Meters

MCDOT has completed transitioning all County parking meters to accept both Parkmobile and MobileNow! pay-by-phone payment options. Montgomery County is one of the first jurisdictions in the country to expand mobile parking payment to two companies. [Read more.](#)

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### ***Your Input is Requested!***

**MC311, Montgomery County's** Customer Service Center works to ensure residents have information about non-emergency government information and services. To ensure MC311 provides the highest quality customer services, MC311 is conducting a customer service survey. Click [here](#) to participate in the customer service satisfaction survey.

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## Montgomery County Recreation has a new online look and a new web address!

Go ahead, check it out! [www.mocorec.com](http://www.mocorec.com) or <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

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**The Montgomery County Fair is Coming in 46 days!**

**August 10-18**

***It's their 70th Anniversary!***

<http://mcagfair.com/>

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Saturday, July 21 at 7:00pm  
 BlackRock Center for the Arts  
 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown  
[www.blackrockcenter.org](http://www.blackrockcenter.org)



Sizzlin' Salsa With 2-time Grammy Award Winner Marlow Rosada

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For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press\\_List.aspx?id=01](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01)

Planning Board [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>